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Ground broken for 4th IBCT Soldier Family Care Clinic

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Keeping with the Army Medical Command's commitment to provide quality health care to Warriors and their Families, 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart leadership broke ground on the anticipated 39,000-square-foot 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldier Family Care Clinic, March 11.

The clinic, which will be located in the new 4th IBCT complex, will serve Vanguard Soldiers and Family Members, and will have a similar layout to the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic on Fort Stewart.

"This (groundbreaking) illustrates the collaboration between the 3rd Infantry Division and the Winn Army Community Hospital," said Col. Paul Cordts, Winn commander. "When we open this Soldier Family Care Clinic, we're going to open it under the concept of the patient center medical home, which is easy access, focus on the patient, high quality care. That's an important model for us."

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Sgt. Robert Schaffner

Third ID Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Ashmen; Col. Paul Cordts, Winn Army Community Hospital commander; Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Phillips, 3rd ID deputy commander; Sgt. Maj. John Klein, 4th IBCT command sergeant major-rear; Maj. Darell M. Robinson, 4th IBCT deputy commander-rear; and Michelle Lartigue, wife of 4th IBCT Commander Col. Lou Lartigue, who is currently deployed, Col. Kevin Milton, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, Fort Stewart IMCOM command sergeant major, break ground on the 39,000-square-foot 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldier Family Care Clinic, March 11.



1st Lt. Thomas N. McKay

Staff Sergeant Michael Blocker, with 632nd Maintenance Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 103rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), examines a container in the company's yard.

Outlaws prepare to head home

1st Lt. Thomas N. McKay
632nd Heavy Maintenance Company

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq — As the weather starts to warm up, the 632nd Maintenance Company, 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 103rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), is beginning to cool down. After 10 months of hard work, it's time to start preparing to head back to Fort Stewart, Ga.

There are many things that must be accomplished to facilitate a smooth transition for the replacing unit and to make sure that the company can leave theater. One crucial task is the packing and shipment of equipment and supplies.

"The Army has very specific standards about what we can and cannot ship home and how it must be packed," said Staff Sgt. Michael Blocker, a senior

construction equipment repairer with the 632nd Maintenance Company, and a Gleason, Wis., native.

Staff Sergeant Blocker, a qualified container inspector, is making sure the unit's containers are ready to be shipped. He is responsible for inspecting several units' containers before they leave Iraq to ensure their safety and reliability. Though Staff Sergeant Blocker cannot be the official inspector for his own company's containers, he can oversee the process of loading them and identify faults in order to ensure the official inspections go smoothly.

"It's not particularly complicated, but it is very important to identify any faults and correct them before the containers are shipped," he said.

The company has more than 20 containers to ship back to the United States. Every container has to have a specific load plan, and the equipment inside must be properly secured.

Operation Eagle's Talon sharpens skills for IA

Staff Sgt. Tanya Thomas
4th AAB, 3rd Infantry Division,
USD-C Public Affairs

CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq – Gusty winds and low visibility during another Iraq sandstorm didn't deter some Iraqi Army soldiers' willingness to train.

About 30 Jundis and leaders of the 8th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division arrived at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, March 5, to take part in a five-day soldier familiarization exercise known as Operation Eagle's Talon.

The training allows 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division troops an opportunity to share their tactical expertise with their IA counterparts in Al Anbar, and offers the IA a venue to sharpen their basic soldiering

abilities before the expected U.S. Forces' draw-down in Iraq later this year.

"We're trying to increase the basic skill level of the Iraqi soldiers in this brigade, as well as trying to focus on their leadership, so that once we leave (Iraq), their (non-commissioned officers) and their junior officers are able to effectively train their junior soldiers on their own," said 1st Lt. Steven Alquesta, platoon leader with B Co., 3rd Bn., 15th Inf. Regt., and East Canaan, Conn., native.

First Lieutenant Alquesta and about 10 of his men showed the IA soldiers basic fundamentals of marksmanship, how to react to contact, team and squad movement, traffic control point procedures, detainee operations, first aid and medical care, and how to enter and clear a room.

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Caught in the act!

In February, 3rd Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, directed that Soldiers wear their patrol cap with the Army Combat Uniform while on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

However, " ...Any and all travel out of our area done in uniform calls for the beret, not the patrol cap," said Maj. Gen. Cucolo.

Simply put, when off post for lunch or stopping off at an off-post establishment for any reason, the correct uniform is the beret, not the patrol cap. So keep that beret close by and in good shape. To quote a famous credit card commercial... don't leave home without it!

You could very well be the next Soldier **CAUGHT IN THE ACT!**



Sgt. Robert Schaffner, 3rd ID Public Affairs

Sergeant First Class Tonya Russell, a Health Care Specialist with 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID, wears the proper headgear off post – the beret – as she gathers uniforms for laundering from her vehicle in the parking lot of an "off post" merchant. Patrol caps are to be worn while on post.



Too intoxicated to drive?

TOW TO GO



St. Patrick's Day weekend March 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th

AAA Auto Club South and Budweiser have teamed up to offer a free tow and ride home to anyone too tipsy to drive. The number to call is **1-800-AAA-HELP**. Caller identities are kept confidential.

For more information contact the Installation Safety Office 912-767-7880

D6 Sends: Army Family Action Plan resolves quality-of-life issues



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Commanding General, IMCOM

I often say you can read about history or make history. This year, the voices of Soldiers, Civilians and Families that have contributed to the AFAP process were heard, and history was made at the recent AFAP General Officer Steering

Committee held the first week of February. Senior Army leaders and program representatives from across the Army resolved 17 of 40 quality-of-life issues making great strides in support of our Wounded Warriors and Families. These issues originally identified by AFAP representatives at the unit or installation level will make life better for Soldiers, their Families and Civilians for years to come. Qualified Wounded Warrior job applicants now receive greater visibility in the Federal Government hiring process. Major accomplishments include the integration of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Resume Inventory (*VetSuccess.gov*) into the Army recruitment process, and the designation of human resource specialists as veteran employment coordinators. To learn more about this issue, visit the Army OneSource website at <https://www.myarmy-onesource.com/familyprogramsandservices/> and search for issue number 617.

Through issue number 610 we have expanded treatment for Traumatic Brain Injury patients. Traumatic Brain Injury screening, identification, treatment, and rehabilitation services are now in place at each Army Medical Treatment Facility. To date, TBI programs at 40 facilities have achieved full validation, 10 have achieved initial validation, and the remaining programs will receive full validation by this month. Wounded Warriors will benefit from the availability of standardized respite care for their caregivers through TRICARE and VA (issue number 630), and through the establishment of the Army Wounded Warrior Support Network (issue number 632). The AWWSN is a support program that connects severely wounded and injured ill Soldiers and their Families to a network of resources in the local community. Three initiatives were completed in the Family Support category. These initiatives provide for more affordable child care to those who need it the most (issue number 566), TRICARE coverage for children up to age 26 (issue number 632), and a policy revision that requires Initial Military Training Soldiers with exceptional Family Members to receive new assignment instructions if the OCONUS travel approval authority has not notified the Soldier of the availability of EFM services 30 days prior to the Soldier's graduation (issue number 639). Ten of the 17 issues resolved were designated as

unattainable due to resource or legislative constraints. Although the AFAP recommendations were unattainable, progress was made on many of the issues. An example of this is the increase in administrative and PCS weight allowances for grades E1 to E4 and E7 to E9, establishment of a hardship-based increase to PCS weight allowance, and 500 pounds of spouse professional weight allowance. To learn more, visit our website and search for issue 457. The Army will continue to work the issues, but the Army Family Action Plan is your program. I encourage you to learn more about the AFAP process by visiting the Army OneSource website at www.myarmyonesource.com/familyprogramsandservices. From here you can follow the progress on issues that are currently being worked by selecting "Active Issue Search" at the bottom of the page and then search by issue number or by keyword. The website also allows you to submit a new issue directly to your garrison or command's AFAP process and provides AFAP brochures, articles and videos to download. You can also download the "HQDA AFAP Issue Search" application for free on your iPad®, iPhone® and iPod Touch®. My next article in this series will review the 16 new quality-of-life issues AFAP delegates identified as being the most critical and our need as an Army community to identify inefficient, redundant, or obsolete Family programs so we can redirect those resources to where we truly need them. **Support and Defend, D6**

RISF updates partnerships with communities

Renee Reese
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Fort Stewart–Hunter Army Airfield hosted its bi-annual Regional Information Sharing Forum, March 9, providing a platform for community leaders to share information that directly impacts Soldiers, Family Members, civilians and retirees. These forums provide a platform where community leaders, from surrounding counties, can share information about upcoming events, and help to strengthen local community partnerships. The bi-annual forums are hosted by Fort Stewart–Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs Office. Dina McKain, acting Public Affairs chief Officer, facilitated both events. "This forum is an example of the great partnership that our community enjoys", said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey E. Phillips, 3rd ID deputy Commanding General. "As the Army is a team of teams, we are a community of communities." During his welcome, Brig. Gen. Phillips talked about the upcoming blooming season of the eastern redbud trees, located at Warriors Walk on Fort Stewart, and invited leaders to look for daily countdown pictures of these blooms in the coming days on Team Stewart's Facebook page. "We wanted to show folks how beautiful that place is this time of the year, which really commemorates our integration of Baghdad in 2003 as a division

and subsequent deployments to Iraq", said Brig. Gen. Phillips. "We invite people to come out and share memories of our wonderful soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom." During the Fort Stewart RISE, a formalized declaration with the Fort Stewart Historic Communities Council took place. A proclamation was signed by Stewart–Hunter garrison commander Col. Kevin W. Milton, and Wyman May, vice president of the council. Patrick Young, community relations officer with Fort Stewart public affairs, provided a detailed history on the council which formed back in 1993 and introduced a proclamation of support with the Fort Stewart Cemeteries Council henceforth the Fort Stewart Historic Communities Council. "It's much larger than a cemetery; it shares the history that you share with us," Young said. With the establishment of Fort Stewart (formerly known as Camp Stewart), currently it is the largest installation east of the Mississippi river and covers more than 279,270 acres of land that includes surrounding counties. "Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield has more than 3,500 reported historic sites on the installation to include 58 cemeteries on Fort Stewart and two cemeteries on Hunter Army Airfield," said Young. "Therefore, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield and the Fort Stewart Historic Communities

Council, are resolved to protect and honor the installations cemeteries and historical communities." Preserving these historic sites is more than just important; its personal to Wyman May. "We have our ancestors buried out there. I have a brother, grandparents, great grandparents, buried in Taylor's Creek cemetery (located on the installation)," said May. "The federal government came through and made a commitment to maintain those cemeteries. We appreciate the support that we get from Fort Stewart," added May. In addition to the signing of the proc-

lamation, other RISF participants gave updates on local upcoming events like the Small World Festival set to take place May 14 in Hinesville. At the conclusion of the forum, participants were encouraged to remain for the Community and Travel showcase which took place shortly after the event at both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The next RISF will meet again in September, with a date still yet to be determined. Community members are strongly encouraged to learn more about upcoming events by visiting www.stewart.army.mil.



Stewart-Hunter garrison commander Kevin W. Milton, and Wyman May vice president of the Fort Stewart Historic Council, sign a proclamation of support March 9, designed to protect and honor the installations cemeteries, located at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The southeast Georgia community will be able to view the Budweiser Clydesdales at the Bits and Bridle Equestrian Club, at the Fort Stewart Stables, today from 1 to 5 p.m. The stable is located at 1267 Georgia Highway 144 East. The Clydesdales will be marching in the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17.

Visit the Budweiser Clydesdales at Fort Stewart

Pre-K Late Return

The Department of Defense Education Activity is committed to keeping DoDEA at the forefront in advancing the Department of Defense's agenda for education and as a leader in the nation for improving student performance and achievement. To address this commitment, we must continue to focus on upgrading our facilities and environment in an effort to make them age appropriate. Towards this effort, new Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten furniture has been purchased throughout DoDEA. The furniture is scheduled to arrive during the spring break. In an effort to assist our teachers in setting up their primary classrooms, a change to the school calendar is necessary for both Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students ONLY. We are implementing a two day late return for all Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. All Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will return to school on April 6, 2011. We clearly understand how a change in school scheduling can disrupt your day, and plan to send several reminders leading up to the late return days. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation as we better prepare our staff to meet the needs of our students.

Dr. Samantha Ingram
District Superintendent South Carolina/Fort Stewart/ Department of Defense Dependents Schools/Cuba District



Photos by Spc. Jared S. Eastman

Sergeant Aaron Waldron, HHC, 2/7 Inf., flips a Light Medium Tactical Vehicle Tire during the Iron Cottonbalers event of organizational day on Fort Stewart, March 11.

Cottonbalers round up for organization day

Spc. Jared S. Eastman
1HBCT Public Affairs

Whether Alpha Company is stomping Delta Company in ultimate football, Echo Company is barely beating Bravo Company in soccer, or a bunch of kids are seeing who can jump the highest in a bouncy castle, everyone can agree that an organizational day for Soldiers and Families is a great way to get together.

Such a day was held on Fort Stewart, March 11 for 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment.

“Today we’re having a battalion organizational day,” said Lt. Col. Gregory Sierra, 2/7 Inf. commander, “This is the first one we’ve really been able to execute in the last three years, and it’s just a time for the Soldiers and the Families to relax and enjoy themselves.”

The battalion coordinated multiple events for the organization day, including company-level Soldier and Family competitions that would win one company the Commander’s Cup.

“The final award we are going to give,” began Lt. Col. Sierra, “is the Commander’s Cup. It is for the team that does the best. It actually is a trophy that has been in our headquarters since 1910, originally for baseball.”

The competitions for the Commander’s Cup included: horseshoes, volleyball, ultimate football, soccer, tug of war and the Iron Cottonbalers competition. Although it was the battalion’s day of festivities, people from around the brigade and Fort Stewart helped bring it together.

“We talk a lot about how important Army Families are,” said Lt. Col. Sierra, “and how important Cottonbalers support is. Liberty County Pre-K was willing to donate their time so that we had no

volunteers from within the battalion. Third Brigade Support Battalion provided us with cooks and we were able to allow our Families and Soldiers to have fun together.”

The coordination for the event fell upon 1st Lt. Daniel Gentel, 2/7 Inf. assistant S2. “It was really teamwork that brought this together,” he said. “You had all the companies pitch in. Every company ran at least one event and most of them did two. As you can see, it got set up well and everyone pulled together. Everything went as smooth as I could have hoped for.”

There was also other help, 1st Lt. Gentel mentioned. “We received a lot of help from all over the base. The commissary hooked us up with food, MWR gave us funds, and we were able to take over the Bennet Sports Complex. It’s not easy having 1,500 people in one area.”

Although they only placed first in one event, B Co. received the Commander’s Cup.

“We didn’t place first in any competition besides the tug of war. There’s a lot of brute strength in the company, but not a lot of finesse,” joked Capt. Thomas Whitehead, B Co. commander.

However, the secret to the company’s success was being well rounded in all the events.

“We performed well in every event we played in,” said Capt. Whitehead. “We placed somewhere in the top three in almost every event, and we never lost to the same company twice. We appointed some team captains who fielded some good guys.”

The most important thing is that everyone in the company was involved.

“Everyone that could be here today is out on the field, competing in some

way shape or form,” said Capt. Whitehead. “They were great sportsmen, and we were lucky to come home victorious today.”

But the day was about more than winning a contest; it was an opportunity for Soldiers to get to know one another.

“This event builds esprit de corps,” said Capt. Whitehead, “Especially as part of reintegration training. We got a whole bunch of new guys to the company, so this is a great opportunity to get out, put some civilian clothes on, relax, and get to know our guys outside of the office.”

The day was also important for

Soldiers to connect with their Families.

“It’s great for the Families because they haven’t been around us because we have been deployed,” continued Capt. Whitehead, “And this is a good opportunity to bring them back in and show them that the Army is more than us deploying and doing training events. The 2/7 is a Cottonbalers Family and the Family Readiness Group is just a big a part of that as anyone else. A Soldier is only as strong as what he’s got behind him, and if he has a strong Family behind him, he’s going to be a strong Soldier.”



A Soldier of B Co., 2/7 Inf. gains control of a soccer ball during a game against E Co. The soccer game was part of organizational day on Fort Stewart, March 11.



A Soldier from 2/7th Inf. catches a football and faces off against Soldiers of D Co. during 2/7’s organizational day on Fort Stewart, March 11.



Lieutenant Colonel Gregory Sierra (right), 2/7 Inf. commander, hands the Commander’s Cup to Capt. Thomas Whitehead, B Co., 2/7 commander, at the end of the Cottonbalers organizational day on Fort Stewart, March 11.



Ginger Cucolo
Spouse of Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo
3rd ID Commanding General

The Army tells you that you and your Family are moving to Fort Drum, New York – OMG!!! I HATE Fort Drum, you say.
I ask, “Have you ever been?”
“Well, no,” you reply.
“Then why do you hate it?”
“Why wouldn’t I? I hate the cold, it’s too far from Family, the kids will be stuck in the house 24/7, there are wild animals roaming around, my spouse will be deployed, *again*, and I’ll be there all alone! I hate it! We’ll probably get a divorce. Besides, who wants to go to Fort Drum?”

Have you ever heard this? Or even thought like this? Catastrophizing is another way of wasting important energy. While some of the points listed above might come true, allowing one’s self to spiral out of control

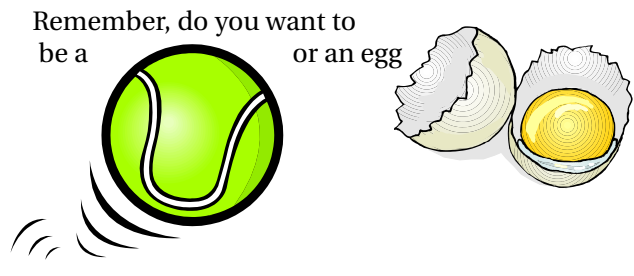
From Ginger's Desk: Resiliency-OMG!

in your thinking can be counterproductive. It makes you anxious and increases your feelings of helplessness. If anything, it just gets you wound up! I’m getting wound up just listening to it!
Some people gather energy from being wound up on any issue, but for those of us around that type of person, it is exhausting. Like I said before, some of the points listed might come true, but it’s how you address those points that make the difference. Thinking it through, assessing the situation and planning is a productive way to deal with it.
How can we bring issues into focus? What’s our goal?
Well, catastrophizing is not good, and ignoring any issues is not any good either. We have to bring the issues into perspective. Blah! Blah! Blah!
Simplify this!!!
Let’s start a list...
1) List all the worst case outcomes
2) List best case outcomes
3) List most likely outcomes



4) Now, choose #3 and plan for the most *likely*!

Fort Drum has one of the best communities ever. It is Family oriented. Great outdoor activities and trips. Good churches and schools. They care about you, etc. etc. You’ll probably come away loving it – I know I did.
Whatever the issues are that take your brain and thoughts immediately to catastrophizing, make a list. See if that helps you plan a little better.



Learn to be resilient! You can do it!!!

Marne Faces Marne Places

Women's History Month: Trailblazers Reflections of the first female CSM of the Army Reserves

Sgt. Dustin Gautney
2HBCT, 3rd ID Public Affairs

The click and clack of high heels against the hardwood floors resonates as she enters the room. With poise and purpose, she directs herself past those in attendance to the podium - instantly commanding a level of attention and awe usually afforded to presidents and other nations’ leaders. The room becomes deathly silent as if the audience is holding their breath in anticipation, only exhaling as the silence is broken by the simple uttering, “Hello, I’m Michele Jones.”

For retired Command Sgt. Maj. Michele S. Jones, sometimes the audience might change: from Soldiers to congressional committees, or even Fortune 500 companies. The reason that she commands so much attention from an eclectic array of the nation’s populace is simple: she is a trailblazer.

For Jones, becoming a trailblazer as a woman in the military, or even in the halls of Congress and the Pentagon, was never on her mind during her career.

Currently serving as the Special Assistant and Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense, Jones has not only become a role model for female Soldiers, but for all enlisted Soldiers and military personnel.

“A funny thing is for many people who are the first to accomplish milestones, is that you never knew what you did until someone comes up to you and says that you were the first to do this or that,” said Jones, whom during her military career became not only the first female Division Command Sergeant Major, but the first woman to become the command sergeant major of any branch when she became the Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserves in 2002.

“Originally, I joined the military because I liked the uniforms and no one else I knew was joining, so I kind of wanted to be different. Also, back then, the Army’s motto of “Be all that you can be” really spoke to me,” said Jones.

However, Jones said her first real eye opening experience to what she wanted to do in her career was when she saw a female noncommissioned officer for the first

time.
“I remember it very clearly. I was fairly new to the Army and was at my first duty station in Fort Carson, Co. Now this was a time when you had Specialists grade fives and sixes, so there were not many noncommissioned officers around. However, I remember seeing Staff Sgt. Linda Robertson. She was the first female noncommissioned officer I had ever seen. She totally embodied what a Soldier should look and act like so I think that really planted a seed for me of where I wanted to go in my career,” said Jones.

Soon after the seed was planted of what she wanted to become, Jones earned the rank of sergeant. However for the newly promoted noncommissioned officer, being the only female sergeant in her unit came with its own unique challenges.

“At first I was absolutely overjoyed when I was promoted. However, being the only female of that rank I knew I had to raise the bar to be respected by my subordinates and seniors alike, so once I was promoted I dissected every line of the NCO Creed and let that become my battle cry,” Jones said.

As Jones rose through the ranks as a senior noncommissioned officer, she had great mentors and had to develop her own leadership style.

“Throughout my entire career I was lucky to always have great teams and leaders, each with their own strengths and weaknesses. However, for inspiring leaders who might not have a great team, you can learn from each other’s strengths and develop your own team that can continue to grow by not just focusing on what you do not have as a leader or a team, but what you do have in individual skills,” said Jones.

For future female leaders, Jones said there are three key character development tools that have helped her throughout her career.

“What I learned from over the years, from all the great women leaders who came before me, was to be consistent: never waiver your position on views on important issues, do not become complacent, always look for ways to better yourself and your Soldiers, do a self assessment, ask yourself am I leaving a legacy, and when you leave



Sgt. Dustin Gautney

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones, Special Assistant and Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense, speaks to Fort Stewart Soldiers about their future careers and veteran programs at Club Stewart, Feb. 15.

ask yourself will your time spent with your Soldiers have a positive effect on them,” Jones said.

For Jones, not becoming complacent is what has kept her moving beyond her military career, serving as a motivational speaker and succeeding at her current duties at the Pentagon and Congress as an advisor and advocate for Army Families, Wounded Warriors and various military personal concerns.

As Jones career continues to grow, receiving such accolades from the NAACP and national magazine features such as ‘Essence’ and ‘Ebony’ magazine’s “The Beautiful Ones: 35 of the Most Remarkable Women in the World,” she says one simple, yet poignant, philosophy has carried her throughout her life and possibly why many consider her a trailblazer for all military.

“At the end of every speaking engagement I have, I leave everyone with a simple idea that has carried me through every endeavor: No one is mentioned in history or has made history because they did something just for themselves, the people who have made the biggest impact on our world did it for everyone else.”

Marne Voices Speak Out

The Army Emergency Relief campaign has begun. What do you want the community to know about AER?

“AER is a program that helps solve root causes of financial problems.”

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Phillips
Deputy commanding general, 3rd ID

“I would like the community to know that AER is a nonprofit organization.”

Janie Smith
Army Emergency Relief Officer

“AER is a great resource to help my young Soldiers with financial difficulties.”

1st Lt. Kenneth Williard
2/3 AVN, 3rd CAB

“It is a good way for Soldiers to take care of their own.”

Staff Sgt. Ramos Collins
1/3 AVN, 3rd CAB

“The community needs to be aware that this is a service to help one another.”

2nd Lt. Christopher Washington
HHC, 3rd CAB

“It’s a great resource to assist Soldiers in financial need”

1st Lt. Michael Vanderheyden
4/3 AVN, 3rd CAB

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4BCT helps a community in need

Staff Sgt. Tanya Thomas
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RAMADI, Iraq – In the wake of the murder of a 10-year-old boy in Tameem, Iraq, Iraqi Police have been taking steps to build greater ties to the community while ensuring the safety and security of local residents.

“The police wanted to do something for the families in order to help them go through the healing process of this great tragedy,” said Capt. Steven Pierce, commander of D Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Division—Center, whose unit has been partnering with IPs assigned to District Headquarters II in nearby Ramadi.

Together, the two forces came up with a plan to donate school supplies and other items to the elementary school where the boy attended as a way to both highlight their presence in the area and alleviate any fears those at the school may have.

“The children in the community have been afraid to go to this school (since the murder incident),” said Capt. Pierce, “so this is a chance for the police to show their community that they really care.”

The IP met up with D Co. Soldiers at Camp Ali, an Iraqi Army installation, March 5 and loaded 300 bags of pencils, notebooks and other school necessities into their vehicles.

“We will take these (items) to the school and distrib-

ute them,” an Iraqi Police officer assured Pierce after stowing the items onto the bed of his pick-up truck.

Captain Pierce said that normally the American Soldiers and their Iraqi Security Forces counterparts jointly host combined community outreach events or distribute humanitarian assistance.

“But we wanted this in particular to be something that the community views as an IP effort,” said Capt. Pierce, adding that the goal is to build a greater trust between the IP and the local community.

Captain Pierce and his men watched as the IP drove off of the Army camp with the boxes of donated school supplies. He said it was good to see first-hand the ISF progression.

“I was here (a few years ago),” said Capt. Pierce. “It was really just blazing your way through this country and you’d see that it was just completely destroyed. Being a part of this phase of the war—seeing that the Iraqi (security forces) are a professional organization and really taking ownership of security, and that they really care about their country just like I care about my country — it’s closure for me too.”

Captain Pierce said that after the IP distributes the items to the school, they will meet again to discuss the outcome of the event and other ways forward to work with the community.

“We’ll provide an overall assessment for them,” he said. “Ultimately, we’re here to ensure they achieve complete success.”



Staff Sgt. Tanya Thomas

Captain Steve Pierce, commander of D Co., 3/15 Inf., 4th AAB, 3rd ID, applauds an Iraqi Police officer’s efforts as he prepares to take donated school supplies to an elementary school in Tameem, Iraq, March 5.

Stewart-Hunter traffic violations

If you insist on not wearing a seatbelt, failing to stop at stop signs, talking on a cell phone, speeding, parking illegally, or some other traffic violation, then you know this is your page.

Listed are traffic violators of Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield since December 2010.

Unfortunately, more to follow in coming editions of The Frontline.

Jan. 26

- Pfc. Sherrod, Michael;** A Co., 603rd ASB
Failure to obey TCD on Duncan Dr.
Hunter – assessed 4 points
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Murawsky, Deanne;** C Co., 317th Cav.
Improper parking at parking lot adjacent to Bldg 1481
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Spc. Hillard, Brenae;** HHC, 224th MI
Failure to stop at posted stop sign at Perimeter Rd/ Lightning Rd.
Hunter – assessed 4 points
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Davis, Gregory;** C Co., 4/3rd Avn.
Improper parking on Haley Ave.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gregoire, Ben;** B Co., 4/3rd Avn.
Improper parking on Leonard Neal St.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- 1st Lt. Wallace, Brain A.;** HHC, 1/9th FA Bn.
Defective equipment - head light on 144E
Stewart – assessed 2 points
- Pvt. Atkinson, Jonathan T.;** G Co., 26th BSB
Following too close at W 15th St/Essayons Dr.
Stewart – assessed 4 points

Jan. 27

- Pvt. Bailey, Roger F.;** 495th MCT
Failure to stop at posted stop sign on 144E
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Spc. Ward, Antrone M.;** 495th MCT
Failure to stop at posted stop sign on 144E
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Spc. McNeal, Thomas J.;** 554th Eng. Co.
Following too close on 144E
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Spc. Barnes, Khareen L.;** SADBC
Improper passing on 144E
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Pvt. Trumback, Jermaine C.;** 135th QM Co.
Speeding 50/35 mph on 144E
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Sgt. Pickette, Kenneth K.;** C Co., 1/64th Armor Bn.
Speeding 60/45 mph on 144E
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Staff Sgt. Grooms, Channon;** D Co., 4/3rd Avn.
Failure to obey TCD on Leonard Neal St.
Hunter – assessed 4 points
- Spc. Dresen, Joseph;** 3rd Avn. Bde.
Improper parking on Leonard Neal St.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Sgt. Ticlke, Robert;** D Co., 4/3rd Avn.
Improper parking on N Lightning Rd.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Spc. Smith, Robert;** C Co., 2/3rd Avn.

- Improper parking on Leonard Neal St.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Pvt. Stout, Gary;** HHT, 317th Cav.
Improper parking on Leonard Neal St.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Staff Sgt. Bahr, Michael;** D Co., 2/3rd Avn.
Improper parking on Leonard Neal St.
Stewart – assessed 2 points
- Spc. Lightner, Mathew;** B Co, 1/3rd Avn.
Improper parking on Leonard Neal St.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Pfc. Morolla, Paul;** D Co., 4/3rd Avn.
Failure to stop at posted stop sign on Rio Rd.
Hunter – assessed 4 points
- Sgt. Lacefield, David;** E Co., 3rd Avn. Rgt Spt
Improper parking on Leonard Neal St.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ozgowicz, Richard;** 1/351st Avn.
Improper parking on Lightning Rd.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Spc. Mays, Matthew;** B Co., 1/75th Rangers
Failure to stop at posted stop sign at Rio Rd./S Perimeter Rd.
Hunter – assessed 4 points

Jan. 28

- Spc. Walthall, Jonathan;** HHC, 2nd BCT
Failure to stop at posted stop sign at Leonard Neal St./Duncan Dr.
Hunter – assessed 4 points
- Staff Sgt. Dexter, Leon;** MRC
Cellular usage w/out handsfree at Gulick Ave./ McNeely Rd.
Stewart – assessed 3 points
- Pfc. Adams, Ryan;** 135th QM Co.
Failure to wear seat belt at William H Wilson Ave./W 6th St.
Stewart – assessed 2 points
- Sgt. Ornelas, Rafael;** 2/3rd BTB
Speeding 41/30 mph at W 6th St/Crisp Ave.
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Pfc. Gilles, Aaron;** B Co, 1/30th Inf. Bn.
Speeding 42/30 mph at W 6th St/Crisp Ave.
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Maj. Mui, Nicole;** 3rd Sig. Co.
Speeding 47/30 mph at Harmon Ave./11th St.
Stewart – assessed 5 points
- Pvt. Cruz, Jorge, Jr.;** B Co, 1/30th Inf. Bn.
Speeding 50/30 mph at W 6th St/Essayons Dr.
Stewart – assessed 5 points

- Pfc. Kates, Donovan;** 381st Eng.
Speeding 62/45 mph on 144E
Stewart – assessed 5 points
- Cpl. Hodges, Stephon;** 756th EOD
Speeding 67/55 mph on 119N
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Pfc. Mickens, Keosha M.;** A Co., 3rd BSTB
Speeding 74/55 mph on 119N
Stewart – assessed 5 points

Jan.29

- Spc. Walthall, Jonathan;** HHC, 2nd BCT
Failure to stop at posted stop sign at Leonard Neal

- St./Duncan Dr.
Hunter – assessed 4 points
- Staff Sgt. Dexter, Leon;** MRC
Cellular usage w/out handsfree at Gulick Ave./ McNeely Rd.
Stewart – assessed 3 points
- Pfc. Adams, Ryan;** 135th QM Co.
Failure to wear seat belt at William H Wilson Ave./W 6th St.
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Speeding 62/45 mph on 144E
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- Cpl. Hodges, Stephon;** 756th EOD
Speeding 67/55 mph on 119N
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Pfc. Mickens, Keosha M.;** A Co., 3rd BSTB
Speeding 74/55 mph on 119N
Stewart – assessed 5 points

Jan.30

- Pvt. Pickering, Teddy;** C Co., 1/75th Rangers
Improper parking on Lightning Rd.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Sgt. Freeman, Anthony;** E Co., 1/3rd Avn.
Failure to wear seat belt on Montgomery Gate
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Spc. Turner, Antonio;** B Co., 603rd Avn.
Failure to stop at stop sign on Middleground Rd.
Hunter – assessed 4 points
- Pfc. Blackwell, Cody;** 3/3 Avn.
Defective equipment on Lightning Rd.
Hunter – assessed 2 points
- Pvt. Trumback, Jermaine C.;** 135th QM Co.
Cellular usage w/out handsfree on W 6th St./Gulick Ave.
Stewart – assessed 3 points

Jan. 31

- Staff Sgt. Rutledge, George R.;** Ops Co., DHHS
Speeding 44/30 mph on Harmon Ave./12th St.
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Spc. Dogan, Sherrel S.;** NCO Academy
Speeding 69/55 mph on 119N
Stewart – assessed 4 points
- Spc. Martinez, Aaron S.;** 756th ORD
Speeding 74/55 mph on 144E
Stewart – assessed 5 points
- Sgt. Wells, Devon;** 260th QM
Failure to illuminate on Perimeter Rd.
Hunter – assessed 3 points

260th Quartermaster Battalion inducts new NCOs

Sgt. Patience Okhuofu
3rd Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Thirty-three newly-promoted non-commissioned officers were inducted into the NCO Corps at Hunter Army Airfield, March 8.

The tradition of the NCO Induction Ceremony, which can be traced to the Army of Fredrick the Great, was clearly portrayed by the Soldiers of the 260th Quartermaster Battalion. Enlisted Soldiers and officers were awarded the opportunity to witness, firsthand, the pride that all non-commissioned officers share as members of such an elite Corps.

The guest speaker for the event, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight H. Williams, was the senior most enlisted Soldier of the 260th Quartermaster

Battalion until four months ago. He enlightened the new NCOs on the historical significance of the Army to the country. He emphasized a sentence from the NCO Creed which states that the NCO is the backbone of the Army.

"Whether helping the local population in Vietnam, or teaching young Iraqi Soldiers to conduct operations, the NCO has always been the backbone," said Command Sgt. Maj. Williams.

Command Sergeant Major Williams advised the new NCOs to be committed to the welfare of their Soldiers.

"Young backbone, as NCOs we inspire commitment that binds us together as warriors, officers, NCOs and Soldiers," said Command Sgt. Maj. Williams. "Understand that's what makes our Army strong is our investment in peo-

ple. You cannot look at your Soldier and not see his Family."

He added that today's military Family lifestyle is comprised of frequent deployments, which create stressful challenges for a young Soldier.

He advised the newly-promoted NCO to train their Soldiers well and they will repay them with respect and loyalty. Command Sergeant Major Williams also asked the new NCOs to train young officers as well.

"Good young officers who become good old generals are made by good sergeants," said Command Sgt. Maj. Williams.

Command Sergeant Major Williams thanked the battalion for affording him the opportunity to speak at the event.

"It is the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag and allows

protesters to burn the flag because we protect the constitution and the rights of this great country," he added.

The 260th Quartermaster Battalion, Command Sgt. Maj. Dexter L. Speight, thanked everyone present for attending. He said when he was contemplating who would be suitable for the role of guest speaker, he asked himself this question:

"Who has touched not only this organization but a lot of Soldiers in the Army? The first person that came to my mind was Command Sgt. Maj. Williams. I thank him for agreeing to be the guest speaker," said Command Sgt. Maj. Speight.

The event culminated with a reception at the Battalion's Soldier Center. The 260th Quartermaster Battalion is making plans for another top notch NCO induction ceremony sometime in September.

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We will staff this clinic both with providers and medical personnel from the 4th brigade as well as personnel from the hospital.

The new facility is anticipated to handle a large percentage of Fort Stewart's population.

"We anticipate that we will be able to enroll up to 7,900 Soldiers and Family Members from the 4th IBCT (at this facility)," said Col. Cordts.

According to Col. Cordts, the clinic is expected to open June 2012.

Family Members were quick to show support for the new clinic.

"We are very excited because this shows (the Family Members) that the Army and the nation want to continue to care for our Soldiers and Family Members," said Michelle Lartigue, wife of 4th IBCT Commander Col. Lou Lartigue.

"It's a wonderful thing that the Soldiers and Family Members can share the same clinic and feel like they are getting the same consistent care."



Sgt. Robert Schaffner

Major Darell M. Robinson, 4th IBCT deputy commander, Sgt. Maj. John Klein, 4th IBCT sergeant major and Michelle Lartigue, wife of 4th IBCT Commander Col. Lou Lartigue, who is currently deployed, break ground on the 39,000-square-foot 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldier Family Care Clinic, March 11.

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"They've been doing quite well," 1st Lt. Alquesta said. "You can see marked improvement from the beginning of the class to the end. Marksmanship is somewhat of a challenge (to teach) and a lot of that is (due to) the language barrier. (Also), some of these guys are very new and a lot of the techniques that we're teaching them they haven't seen before."

The U.S. Soldiers trained the IA leaders separately, then took on an advisory role and watched as the leaders took the information they learned and taught their Jundis.

"What we're really trying to do is get their NCOs to be able to take the lead with these kinds of (soldiering) tasks so that they will be able to continue doing this after we leave," 1st Lt. Alquesta said. "It is important that they continue this kind of training often and effectively, even when no one is watching."

Staff Sergeant Tripler Sooalo, platoon sergeant with B Co., and native of Pago Pago, American Samoa, said he was glad that the IA students showed a great interest in the training.

"They asked a lot of questions, and we gave them a lot of answers," he said. "It's a good feeling to know that when you teach somebody our basic fundamentals, and our tactics, that they're willing to learn. We just want to train them so that they can be proficient and become better Soldiers for their country."

Operation Eagle's Talon is also underway in Fallujah and Ramadi, Iraq and Soldiers from throughout the 3rd Bn., 15th Inf. Regt plan to continue instructing the course throughout their deployment in support of Operation New Dawn.



Staff Sgt. Tanya Thomas

CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq – Staff Sergeant Tripler Sooalo, platoon sergeant with B Co., 3/15 Inf., 4th AAB, 3rd ID, shows a Soldier with the 8th IA Brigade, 1st IA Division, his target during an M-16 rifle exercise at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, March 7.

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Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Close of tax season approaches

Come to the Marne Tax Centers at Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield to get your tax returns filed before April 18. The center is open to active duty Soldiers, Family Members, and retirees. The tax center provides FREE tax preparation services for both Federal and State returns. Taxpayers should bring ALL required documentation to the tax center, such as W2s, 1099s, 1098s, etc. Also bring military ID, a copy of their Social Security card or a memo from the Social Security Returns are prepared while you wait or as a drop-off service. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are two locations: Fort Stewart: Bldg. 709 (next to Popeyes) and HAAF: Bldg. 1211 (Legal Assistance Bldg.). For more information, stop by the tax center or call 912-767-1040 (Stewart) or 912-315-3675 (HAAF).

3rd ID Reunion scheduled

The Society of the Third Infantry Division and attached units in wars and in peacetime will hold their 92nd annual reunion Sept. 8-11. The reunion will be held at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, French Quarter, 739 Canal Street at Bourbon, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. The toll free number is 888-696-4806. Room rates are \$99 per night plus tax. The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division is seeking those who served in the 3rd and attached units in wars, peacetime, or special interest to join the Society. Contact Henry Burke 1-803-782-7517. *pennieburke@sc.rr.com*.

For additional reunion information, contact Trish Blanton or e-mail *Info@TheReunionBrat.com*.

Military OneSource Tax Assistance begins

The Military OneSource Tax Program has begun! The program provides free access to a customized version of the basic H&R Block at home electronic tax-filing product which allows for free federal filing and free state filing (up to three states). In addition, free telephonic tax consultations are available to help with tax related issues. To learn more about the program and filing your 2010 taxes, visit *www.military-onesource.com*.

Civilian Workforce now open

Beginning April 4 through June 24, the Civilian Workforce will have open season for Federal Long Term Care Insurance. During the open season, actively at work employees and their spouses (including same sex domestic partners of the civilian workforce members) who are not currently enrolled will be able to apply to the FLTCIP with abbreviated underwriting. Non-enrolled annuitants and other qualified relatives can apply for coverage with a full underwriting application during this period, as well as anytime during the year. For frequently asked questions on the open season, please visit *www.ltcfeds.com/help/faq/faq.html* or *www.ltcfeds.com/help/faq/faq.html*

STEWART

Road closure thru April

Through 5 p.m., April 15, 15th Street between McFarland Avenue and Tank Trail 40 will be closed to all traffic.

Subject closure is necessary for the widening of

15th Street. Detour signs will be displayed and posted for the duration of the project.

The point of contact regarding additional information is Joyce Oglesby, Corps of Engineers, 912-767-9908.

Rita Ackerman scholarship available

Applications are being taken for the Rita Ackerman Scholarship. This scholarship was created specifically to be awarded to the spouse of any enlisted servicemember, either active duty or retired. It is awarded in memory of Rita Ackerman, who was an active spouse in the Fort Stewart community. She was one of the driving forces of the Spouses' Club as well as a volunteer in other organizations such as the Thrift Shop, ACS, Red Cross and other worthy causes.

Applications are available at the Fort Stewart Library, the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, and at Savannah Tech. They must be post marked by April 1, 2011 to be eligible for consideration.

For more information, contact Maggie Roberts at 912-369-6478.

2/7 INF. B. COC

The officers, NCOs, and Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment request the honor of your presence at the Change of Command ceremony in honor of Lt. Col. Gregory F. Sierra, the outgoing commander, and Lt. Col. Michael T. Kelly, the incoming commander. The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., March 25, at Cottrell Field on Fort Stewart. Please RSVP by March 22 to Capt. Ray Krieger, *ray.krieger@conus.army.mil* or 912-767-3092. The uniform for this event will be duty uniform with beret for military and casual for civilian guests. The Inclement Weather Location will be Newman Gym.

5/7 CAV COC

The 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment requests the honor of your presence at its Change of Command Ceremony, March 24. Lt. Col. Kirk C. Dorr will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Christopher R. Jones, 11 a.m., March 24th at Cottrell Field. Dress for military is duty uniform, casual for civilians. The inclement weather location is Newman Gym. Please RSVP to Capt. Alvarez, *humberto.alvarez@conus.army.mil* or *humberto.alvarez@conus.army.mil* or 912-767-7384.

1st HBCT ceremony scheduled

The 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team requests the honor of your presence at the dedication of The Raider Brigade Fallen Soldiers Memorial. The ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m., April 1, at 1st Brigade Headquarters, building 613 on Fort Stewart. Please RSVP by March 25, 2011 to 2nd Lt. Alicia Scott at 767-6386 or *alicia.scott2@conus.army.mil*. The uniform for this event will be duty uniform with beret for military and business attire for civilian guests.

Bravo, 1/64 AR COC

The officers and Soldiers of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, cordially invite you to attend the Change of Command ceremony transferring command from Capt. Thomas

F. Carroll to Capt. Garrett P. Turley, March 21. The ceremony is at 2 p.m., March 21 at the 1-64 AR Battalion Headquarters. Uniform is duty uniform for military and casual dress for civilians. Please R.S.V.P by 16 March to *Daniel.brice.mcnelly@conus.army.mil* or 912-767-2807.

Weekly Lenten Service Available

Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., at Heritage Chapel, the service will continue through Holy Week concluding with a Tenebrae service (service of shadows) on Good Friday. Soup and sandwiches provided after the Wednesday services. For more information, contact CH (MAJ) George Wallace at 912-767-7492.

Pasta night continues at Thunder Run

Have you heard? Thunder Run offers Pasta Night every Wednesday at Club Stewart from 5-9 p.m. This is an All-You-Can-Eat special for just \$9.95, children eat for half price! For more information, call 912-368-2212.

HUNTER

Lotts Island undergoes upgrades

The Lotts Island Recreation/Picnic Area will be closed to accommodate the rest room/picnic pavilion upgrade construction. Traffic lanes to the island will be limited.

Should a question arise, please contact DPW Inspections Branch, Howie Harris, 912-228-7123.

Official photo service available at Hunter

Effective March 9, the Department of the Army Photo and Command Photo support is open by appointment only at building 1209 at Hunter Army Airfield.

The service is open 9-11 a.m., and 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Wednesday.

Please go to *www.vios.army.mil* to schedule your DA/command photo at the Hunter studio. Appointment slots at Hunter are limited. You are welcome to make your appointment for the Fort Stewart Studio. For more information, call 912-767-2656/4905.

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Edward L. Hoglund III**, B Co., 3/69 Armor, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, please contact 1st Lt. Michael Murphy at 912-576-9037.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. Garrett Kalka**, E Co., 1/75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, please contact 1st Lt. Daniel Marshall at 912-414-4049.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Cpl. Catlin May**, C Co., 2/7 Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, please contact 1st Lt. Abraham Gates Jr. at 706-799-6965.

Education Matters



College registration now open

The upcoming Spring II term dates both on-post and distance learning classes are listed below. Some courses are offered during the day. Enrollment is offered to all. Please contact the college directly for course schedules and enrollment information.

Central Texas College – 912-767-2070/ Hunter

Airfield 912-315-4090, 21 March -15 May

Columbia College – 912-767-5336/ Hunter Army

Airfield 912-352-8635, 21 March -15 May

Embry Riddle – 912-767-0339/ Hunter Army

Airfield 912-352-5252, 21 March -22 May

Savannah Tech – 408-2430, 30 Mar-13 Jun

Webster University – 912-767-5357/ Hunter Army

Airfield 912-354-0033, 14 Mar-12 May

Transition-to-Teaching sessions slated

The Georgia Troops-to-Teachers program provides federal funding to qualified servicemembers of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Bill Kirkland conducts monthly Transition-to-Teaching 90-minute classes that consist of an overview of programs, registration procedures and Georgia teacher certification options.

This includes the Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program, a two-year program that allows those with bachelor degrees to teach and certify at the same time. Military spouses are also invited. The next briefing is 9 a.m., March 23, in Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center at Fort Stewart. For more information, call 1-800-745-0709 for more information. The official Web site is www.tttga.net.

Appointments available

Customers unable to visit the Army Education Center during the duty hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will be afforded the opportunity, to schedule a counseling appointment up until 5:45 p.m. The request can be made by e-mailing the Education Center at stew-counselor@conus.mil.

Guard Bureau warns about scam

The National Guard bureau has sent out an advisory on an organization called Veterans Affairs Services which is providing VA benefit and general information and gathering personal information on Veterans. The VAS is not affiliated with the Department of Veterans Affairs in any way. Web sites with the name "VA services" immediately after the "www" ARE NOT part of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the real VA Web site ends in .gov. The VA does not make random phone calls nor does it do business through e-mail. If you

receive an unexpected call from someone saying they are with the VA or some similar agency, hang up the phone.

Medical Scholarships offered to Wives

Operation Homefront and the Saban Family Foundation are awarding 22 scholarships totaling up to \$237,500. They are offered to wives of uniformed servicemembers to attend various vocational training programs in the medical field. The awards will be based on the applicant's response to the essay question and her commitment to volunteerism.

Applications must be postmarked no later than May 1. Detailed information on eligibility and application requirements can be found at www.operationhomefront.net/highlights.aspx?id=9431.

Register now for College Graduation

The Ft. Stewart-Hunter "All College Commencement", is slated for June 24th, at the Main Post Chapel, Fort Stewart, at 7 p.m. If you have completed your college degree or earned a post-secondary certificate or diploma anytime after Aug. 2009 (or will be within 9 SH of completing your requirements), you are invited to participate and asked to complete our registration form. To have your name listed in the graduation brochure, even if you do not plan to attend, we must hear from you now!

We request that any military, Family Members, retirees, and civilian/contract employees attending "On-Post" Schools (CTC, Columbia, ERAU, Savannah Tech and Webster), contact their college right away. For those attending off-post schools, please complete the electronic "Candidate for Graduation" form at www.stewart.army.mil/services/education/gradForm/gradform.asp. Forms are also available at your education center. In April, the graduate will be sent a memo with additional information and instructions. For more information, contact Sherail Freshher, 912-767-8331 or e-mail Sherail.d.fresher@conus.army.mil.

Hope Grant for college credit offered

The Georgia HOPE grant is available to Georgia residents, active duty military assigned to a military installation in Georgia and their Family Members. Many HOPE eligible diploma and certificate programs are offered by Technical Colleges throughout Georgia, including Savannah Technical College, Airport Rd. in Hinesville. Some classes are even available on-line or in the Fort Stewart Education Center.

Of special interest to those who cannot use My CAA, Savannah Technical College has the Technical

Communications Specialist program, which is a great option to fulfill the General Education Requirement courses for your degree. Under this particular certificate program, the Hope Grant will cover the cost of classes that can later be transferred to most other colleges and universities.

For more information, visit www.gsfc.org and www.savannahtech.edu or call Savannah Tech, Education Center, 912-408-2430; Hinesville, 912-408-3024; Savannah, 912-443-5700. For additional on-line classes, explore the Georgia Virtual Technical College Web site at www.gvtc.org.

MyCAA available for spouses

The Department of Defense has resumed the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts, MyCAA, program for qualifying spouses only. The program now assists spouses of active duty servicemembers in the pay grades of private to sergeant, warrant officers 1 to 2, first lieutenant, and second lieutenant to achieve portable careers. The approved education programs are only associate's degrees, licensure, and certifications. Funding assistance will be up to \$4,000 with an annual cap of \$2,000 per fiscal year. To open an account and to see the full details of the new program, go to the secure Web site, <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>. Please allow for 14 days for approval of all financial assistance documents. If information is needed on other sources of financial assistance, please contact a Military OneSource consultant at 800-342-9647.

Columbia offers spouse scholarship

Spouses of military personnel can take their first classroom course free while they complete their financial aid paperwork and enrollment procedures with Columbia College. The active duty member does not have to be enrolled with Columbia College. In addition, Columbia offers spouses a 20% tuition discount for "in-seat" (classroom) courses. Call the Fort Stewart site at 912-877-3406 or dial 912-352-8635 at Hunter.

CLEP now at Stewart, Hunter

The College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are now available at both education center sites. The exams are free for military personnel however; there is now a charge to re-test on a previously administered exam. CLEP tests are \$92 and DSSTs are \$100. The Hunter Test Center requires pre-registration; visit www.ccis.edu/nation-wide/main.asp?Hunter. Contact the Columbia College test administrator by calling 912-352-8635 at Hunter or 912-767-7588 at Fort Stewart.

CAB Soldier receives Broken Wing Award

Sergeant Monica K. Smith
3rd CAB Public Affairs

A Soldier from the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade was awarded the Army Aviation Broken Wing Award, March 7, at Hunter Army Airfield. Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Hagerty, a Black Hawk pilot and safety officer for 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd CAB, received the award for his actions in Afghanistan when his aircraft experienced an engine failure.

"A cardboard box flew into our engine which caused it to fail," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Hagerty. "At first I thought we got shot because it made a loud bang but the crew chiefs explained that we ingested a box. After that, I didn't really think I just reacted. We were over a ragged cliff and we couldn't land so I nosed the helicopter over to gain speed and a little bit of power. The flight was seven minutes and we conducted a roll-on landing (where the aircraft rolls as it hit the ground rather

than hovering)."

The Broken Wing Award is highly regarded and rarely awarded to aircrew members that operate aircraft under Army control. An aircrew member must minimize or prevent aircraft damage and injury to personnel during an emergency situation. They must show extraordinary skill while recovering an aircraft from an in-flight emergency situation.

The award was presented by Col. Don Galli, the commander of the 3rd CAB, who led the brigade during their most recent deployment in Afghanistan.

"He displayed technical expertise, tactical aviation skills and made split-second decisions that saved the lives of his crew in a flight that would have otherwise been catastrophic," said Col. Galli."

"I appreciate the award," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Hagerty during the presentation. "I don't think I want to earn another one though."



Sgt. Monica K. Smith

Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Hagerty (right), a Black Hawk pilot and safety officer for 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, holds his Army Aviation Broken Wing Award with Col. Don Galli, commander of the 3rd CAB, after receiving the award, March 7, at Hunter Army Airfield.

3HBCT begins partnership with Stewart County



Sgt. Ben Hutto

Colonel Johnnie Johnson, the commander of the 3HBCT, 3rd ID, greets community and business leaders from Stewart County, Ga., at his brigade headquarters on Kelley Hill, March 10. This was the first meeting between the 3rd ID HBCT and county's leadership.

Sgt. Ben Hutto
3HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The 3rd ID Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division welcomed leaders from Stewart County to their headquarters on Kelley Hill, March 10.

Seven civic leaders, including the mayors of Richland and Lumpkin, the county sheriff and the county clerk, listened to a brief presentation by the 3HBCT commander, Col. Johnnie Johnson before speaking with the leaders of the Sledgehammer Brigade.

"We are embracing Stewart County and looking forward to building a relationship with them," said Col. Johnson. "We want to hear what the folks from Stewart County have to say and go from there."

Earlier this year, the commander of the Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning, Maj. Gen. Robert Brown, started an initiative to pair Fort Benning units with the surrounding counties in an effort to promote relationship building and community awareness.

Colonel Johnson said he saw Stewart County as a perfect fit for the 3HBCT.

"Today is about rubbing shoulders, shaking hands

and getting to know one another," said Johnson. "...It is an important day for us and we hope it is a positive first step in our partnership together."

Stewart County leaders said they were looking forward to working with the 3HBCT and Fort Benning.

"We are hoping to build a positive relationship between Stewart County and Fort Benning," said Adolph McClendon, the mayor of Richland. "We were very happy to be invited here today."

Larry Jones, the sheriff of Stewart County, said that he hoped the meeting would lead to better things for the people of the county. "We have quite a few military people that live in Stewart County," he said. "It is a great place to live. Our county is one of the lower income counties in the state, but hopefully we can attract more business and growth through our relationship with Fort Benning."

Charles Gibson, the mayor Lumpkin, agreed with the sheriff.

"I ran for mayor to help build a better community," he said. "I want to bring jobs there. I want to bring a bigger sense of pride back to our citizens... Fort Benning and its Soldiers should see what we have to offer. The town of Lumpkin has a very low crime rate and a good small town feel."



Around the Department of Defense

DOD officials reach out to employers of Guard, Reserve members

Lisa Daniel

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Defense Department officials are reaching out to employers of guardsmen and reservists with a survey to find out how the past decade of war and the heavy use of reserve-component forces has affected their civilian workplaces.

The department is distributing the surveys to some 80,000 employers throughout March and April to gain insight into the benefits and challenges of employing members of the Guard and Reserve, said Dennis M. McCarthy, the assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

It is the largest survey of its kind since the military entered sustained operations following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the US, Mr. McCarthy said.

While surveys have looked into how Guard and Reserve members are faring, none have focused primarily on employers and how they've been affected, he said.

"We want to know a little more about them and what their experiences have been," Mr. McCarthy

said. "We want to know what they've gained, how they see the value of having members of the National Guard and Reserve working for them. We want to know what pressures there have been, and the things they've done to deal with it."

The survey also is about sustaining military relations with employers and assessing the value the members of the reserve components bring to a workplace, McCarthy said.

"We want to get some ideas, if they have them, and I know they will, of what we can do to sustain their support in the future," he said. "What I hear all the time is that these men and women who serve in the National Guard and Reserve are among (their) best employees."

Mr. McCarthy said he expects employer responses to be high.

Phone calls were placed to about 40,000 of the targeted employers to notify them of the survey, and only about 1,500 asked that it not be sent to them, he said.

The survey is being distributed by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a DOD agency created in 1972 to develop and maintain employer

support for Guard and Reserve service. ESGR hosts the annual Employer Freedom Awards to recognize the best employers for those serving in the reserve components.

This year, some 3,000 servicemembers have nominated their employers, a record number since the awards were created 16 years ago, Mr. McCarthy said.

The high number of nominees reflects the support Guard and Reserve members have felt in the past decade, Mr. McCarthy said.

"After 10 years of conflict, where we've mobilized over 800,000 (reservists), the level of support by employers in this country has been absolutely phenomenal," he said. "This survey is intended to help us sustain that support ... and maintain a partnership well into the future."

Mr. McCarthy added that he hopes the survey results will translate into laws and policies to sustain the strong relationship between the reserve components and employers.

The survey is being distributed to employers of all sizes and industries in every state and territory, ESGR officials said.

Web site links unemployed veterans, spouses to jobs

Terri Moon Cronk

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Unemployed veterans, wounded warriors, reserve-component servicemembers and their spouses searching for jobs can find one-stop shopping at a Web portal designed just for them, Feb. 9.

Operated by the Army Reserve, the military-friendly Employee Partnership of the Armed Forces at www.EmployerPartnership.org lends assistance not only to those looking for a job, but also to public and private employers who are ready to hire former servicemembers and help to support the troops, said Maj. Gen. Keith L. Thurgood, deputy chief of the Army Reserve.

"It's all about connecting supply and demand," Maj. Gen. Thurgood said. "Employers are attracted to veterans because they are highly skilled leaders from the finely tuned military atmosphere," the general explained.

"That's the crux of the program," Maj. Gen. Thurgood said. "It's a mutually beneficial program where the employer gets someone who's drug-free, understands collaboration, [and] can think strategically and act at a tactical level to get the job done."

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is a longtime advocate of hiring veterans.

"Veterans bring a maturity. They bring leadership. They bring a life experience," he said last year. "They

bring a dedication they may not have had when they were 17, 18 or 19 years old, when they were coming out of high school or in the first couple years of college."

Major General Thurgood said the portal, launched on Veterans Day, still is in its infancy, but already has 7,500 registered users.

"We've got over 1,300 [employers with job openings], including 95 Fortune 500 companies," he said.

While many job Web sites exist on the Internet,

“Employers are attracted to veterans because they are highly skilled leaders from the finely tuned military atmosphere.”

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Maj. Gen. Thurgood said, veterans should know EmployerPartnership.org offers a personal touch, such as a resume-building feature that translates military language into civilian terms. Deciphering "military speak" is a common concern for human resources people in the corporate world, the gen-

eral added.

"We take [a military specialty] and translate it into something an HR professional can understand," he said. "That's a very important piece of what we do."

And it's not just about the military, Maj. Gen. Thurgood said.

"It's about a national program we need to put in place to share this great resource that we call people, because if you look at the unemployment rate, and the demographic of 18-to-24-year-olds, and then break that down into veterans, it's higher than the national average."

And sometimes, he added, the rate of unemployment among veterans is twice of the rate among civilians.

"We have ability to reach out to you personally to help you get your resume right, help you through the interview process, and make the right connections with employers," the general said. "The personal touch is something we provide that nobody else does."

The portal also has advice for veterans who want to start a business, Maj. Gen. Thurgood noted, offering training that explains how to become a smarter business person and entrepreneur.

"It's free, it's easy, and it's a great way for us to connect the great skill sets that we bring to corporate America," he said. "In my opinion, our great military does two things well: it delivers results and grows leaders. That's exactly what America needs."

Panel says rescind policy on women in combat

Lisa Daniel
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - A commission established to study diversity among military leaders is recommending that the Defense Department rescind its policy that prevents women from being assigned to ground combat units below the brigade level.

In a report issued March 7, the Military Leadership Diversity Commission recommends that the department and the services eliminate combat exclusion policies for women, as well as other "barriers and inconsistencies, to create a level playing field for all qualified servicemembers."

Retired Air Force Gen. Lester L. Lyles, who chaired the commission, said the recommendation – one of 20 in the report and the only one specific to women – is one way the congressionally mandated body suggests the military can get more qualified women into its more - senior leadership ranks.

"We know that (the exclusion) hinders women

from promotion," Lyles said in an interview with American Forces Press Service. "We want to take away all the hindrances and cultural biases" in promotions.

The commission was established as part of the 2009 National Defense Authorization Act to evaluate and assess policies that provide opportunities for promotion and advancement of women and racial and ethnic minorities in the armed forces.

The 1994 combat exclusion policy, as written, precludes women from being "assigned" to ground combat units, but women have for years served in ground combat situations by serving in units deemed "attached" to ground units, Lyles said. That distinction keeps them from being recognized for their ground combat experience - recognition that would enhance their chances for promotion, he said.

"If you look at today's battlefield - in Iraq and Afghanistan - it's not like it was in the Cold War, when we had a defined battlefield," Lyles said. "Women serve – and they lead – military security, military police units, air defense units, intelligence

units – all of which have to be right there with combat veterans in order to do the job appropriately."

Women serving in combat environments are being shot at, killed and maimed, Lyles said.

"But they're not getting the credit for being in combat arms," he said, "[and] that's important for their consideration for the most senior flag ranks - three stars and four stars, primarily."

In the commission's outreach to military leaders, Lyles said, at least a couple of service leaders thought there would be little interest among women to serve in combat. But when the commission brought in a panel of commissioned and enlisted women from different services, "that's certainly not what we picked up" from talking to them, he said.

"I didn't hear, 'Rah, rah, we want to be in combat,'" he said, "but I also didn't hear, 'We don't want to be in combat.' What they want is an equal opportunity to serve where their skills allow them to serve. Removing the barriers for that, and removing the barriers to them getting credit for that, was our number one focus."

Mullen urges communities to assist returning troops

Cheryl Pellerin
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - As the men and women who serve in today's military leave active duty, communities around the country should tap their potential as employees for the benefit of the nation, the top U.S. military officer said.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, addressed hundreds of participants at a meeting, March 7, of the National Association of Counties, which provides essential services to the United States' 3,068 counties.

Admiral Mullen characterized those fighting the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq as "a generation wired to serve."

"What I'm asking communities to do throughout the country is to recognize... that they are coming home, recognize that they will be able to deliver a huge upside potential, and in welcoming them back, create a bridge as they transition from this military experience to the experience back home," the admiral said.

Admiral Mullen also praised the association for its initiatives in support of servicemembers and their Families. Its president, Glen Whitley, created a Veterans and Military Service Task Force to encourage association members to promote innovative programs, services and benefits.

"Counties should do what they can to meet the

diverse needs of our veterans," Whitley said in a recent announcement, "and work hard to help servicemembers and Families successfully transition after deployment."

In April, the theme of National County Government Month will be "serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces and their Families."

Admiral Mullen described the decades-old transition process of servicemembers from the Defense Department to the Veterans Affairs Department and back to their communities. Priorities for these returning servicemembers are education, health care and employment, he said.

"I think once you tap it, once you get into creating opportunities for these young men and women, they will continue to serve for decades to come," Admiral Mullen said.

"That's not to say that these young men and women won't bring challenges," the chairman acknowledged, noting that tens of thousands who have been in combat bring back physical wounds and the challenge of post-traumatic stress.

"We're going to have to work our way through meeting some of those mental health challenges," he said, "and we can only do this together."

Such efforts take "inspired local leadership," Admiral Mullen said, and must be "customized to each community throughout the country, whether it's a city, a town, whether it's rural or urban."

He added, "It takes leaders who understand their

own communities to create the kind of structure that would identify and work to create opportunities to tap this potential."

"DOD, VA and you," Mullen told the audience, can make a difference for young men and women and their Families who have made such a difference for the nation.

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EYE ON SECURITY

Tax Time - The season to beware

Guy Shifflett

DPTMS, Information Security

This tax season ominously looms over us again. I normally get that sinking feeling this time of year and not just because it coincides with the April 15 anniversary of the Titanic disaster. Nothing unusual though, the upside is I will not have to worry about how I will spend a refund.

However, there is another recurrent issue that coincides with this not so joyous occasion.

There will be a significant increase in criminal activity regarding on-line identity theft and assorted scams that seek to alleviate you of that refund, if you were one of the lucky ones.

Criminals will misappropriate the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Treasury name and seal in an attempt to scam us. The tactics used to gain inside access to us may come in the form of a bogus e-mail, on-line message, phone call or fax.

Don't become a victim. Prevention is the key and the IRS provides the following consumer protection recommendations.

- Don't be enticed or intimidated by that e-mail entitled tax refund, inherited funds, under reported income, IRS investigation or audit notice.

- Don't open attachments or click on any links accompanying the e-mail.

- The IRS will not contact you by e-mail. If you are solicited by e-mail immediately forward the correspondence to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov. Then delete it from your system.

- Visit the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, and use the "Where's My Refund?" interactive tool to determine refund validity, rather than responding to an e-mail message.

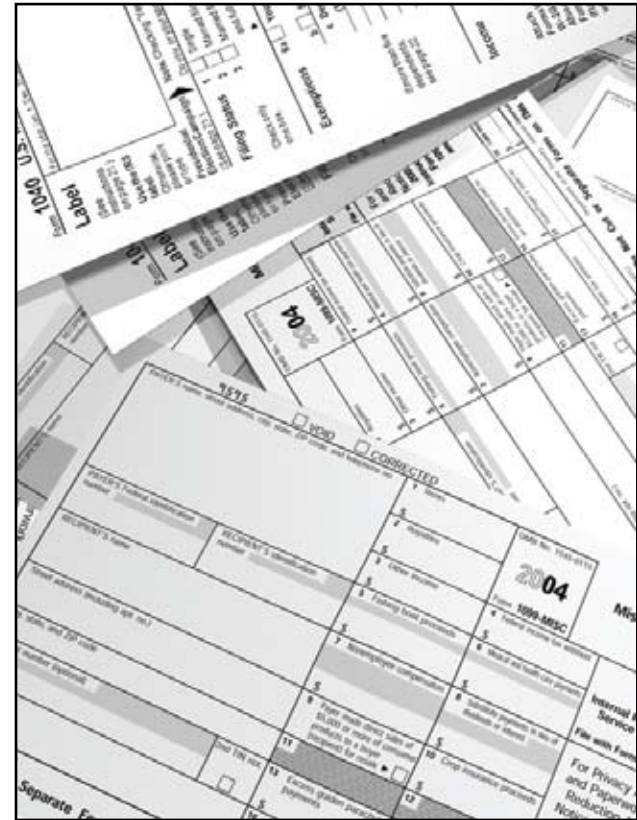
- If you receive a letter from the IRS that indicates more than one tax return was filed for you or you received wages from an unknown employer, this may be a sign that your SSN was used fraudulently. Respond immediately to the name and address or phone number printed on the IRS notice.

- Refunds are triggered by the tax return submitted to the IRS. No special forms are required.

- The IRS does not pay for your participation in an online survey.

- The official Web site for the Internal Revenue Service is IRS.gov, and all Internal Revenue Web page addresses begin with www.irs.gov.

The IRS has a department that deals specifically with identity theft issues. They can be reached at 800-908-4490.



DOD take steps to Secure Classified Data

Terri Moon Cronk

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department has taken steps to prevent another massive leak of its classified information, a senior official told a Senate committee, March 10.

Thousands of classified military documents were leaked and distributed into the Internet's public forum last summer, prompting an immediate investigation from the top down.

Officials since have singled out the weakest link in the department's security chain, and began a checks-and-balances system to stem the flood of the critical defense data, Teresa M. Takai, chief information officer and acting assistant secretary of defense for networks and information integration, told the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee.

"The department immediately began working to

address the findings and improve its overall security posture to mitigate the possibility of another similar type of disclosure," she said. Takai told Senate members that Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates immediately called for two internal studies to review the department's information security policy, and to unveil how classified information is handled in forward-deployed areas. The results showed that forward-deployed units had an "over-reliance" on using removable electronic storage media, according to Takai.

Responsibilities needed to be better defined to detect and handle insider threats, she said, and methods to monitor user behavior on classified computer networks were limited.

To get control of the vulnerabilities, the department has disabled the ability to copy data from nearly 90 percent of its classified computers, according to Takai. The rest of the classified computers were left intact to write removable media for operational reasons, she

explained, but only under strict controls.

Takai told the committee that more work is coming to prevent stolen data, and a project is under way with the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive to add an information technology insider detection capability and insider threat program.

According to Takai, The Defense Department is working on a Web-enabled information security training to accompany the department's mandatory annual information assurance training, and plans also exist for an oversight program for inspections in forward-deployed areas.

"We will strive to implement the mechanisms necessary to protect the intelligence information without reverting back to pre-9/11 stovepipes," said Takai. "The department continues to work toward a resilient information-sharing environment," she added, "that is secured through both technological solutions and comprehensive policies."



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DOD Takes Steps to Combat Childhood Obesity

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department has joined forces with the nation to combat a childhood obesity epidemic that not only is a matter of health or nutrition, but also is a national security issue, a Pentagon official said.

Today, First Lady Michelle Obama marked the one-year anniversary of her "Let's Move" campaign, a nationwide initiative to promote making healthy food choices and increasing physical activity within homes, schools and communities. The aim, Obama has said, is to solve America's childhood obesity epidemic within a generation.

Barbara Thompson, co-chair of DOD's working group to combat obesity, told American Forces Press Service, that the nation as a whole lacks in the issue of obesity.

"When you take into account that 50 percent of military youth enter the military or consider entering the military, that's a huge pool we need to be focused on," Thompson said.

They've already made considerable progress, Thompson noted. With the Army taking the lead, officials are creating standardized menus for child development centers to ensure the centers are meeting children's nutritional needs. They're also working with vendors who supply the centers' food to ensure they're getting the freshest vegetables, lower-fat cuts of meat and less processed food laden with fats, salt and sugar.

Additionally, the department is working to offer more healthy choices in vending machines, schools, dining facilities, clubs, bowling centers, food courts, and any other on-base locale that offers food, she said.

Thompson summed up a healthy Family goal with the aid of a few numbers: five-two-one-zero. People, she explained, should aim for five servings of fruits and vegetables a day, two hours or less of screen time, one hour of physical activity and zero sugary drinks.

"It probably makes eating healthy and getting activity into your life harder," she acknowledged.

But military parents can take smaller steps toward change to start, she noted. They can choose skim milk instead of whole or reduced-fat milk or take a Family walk or bike ride after dinner rather than turning on the TV.

Thompson said she's optimistic about the changes that have occurred and what is yet to come.

"The committee's members are very passionate and committed to making positive changes," Thompson said.

Thompson said the group plans to publish a full report with the group's progress and recommendations in the spring.

For more information, visit militaryonesource.com.

117th Air Control Squadron changes command

Courtesy Photo
Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Alwood, outgoing commander for the 117th Air Control Squadron, Air National Guard (far right), watches as incoming commander, Lt. Col. Victor Long (left) accepts colors from Maj. Gen. Thomas Moore, Georgia Air National Guard commander, at a change of command ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield, March 5. Lieutenant Colonel Long is a native Savannahian, who lived in Myrtle Beach, S.C., before taking the Hunter command. He has served in numerous military exercises, including OIF in 2006 and OEF in 2010.



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Marne Soldiers honored at memorial ceremony

Sgt. Robert Schaffner Jr.
3rd ID Public Affairs

More than 500 Soldiers, Family Members and friends came together to commemorate the lives of two fallen comrades during a memorial service in their honor at the Main Post Chapel, March 15.

Private First Class Lonnie Antonio Cooke III and Private Tony Castelluccio died of injuries suffered from a vehicle accident were visiting Cooke's Family before reporting back to Fort Stewart when their car crashed into a pecan tree on Georgia 112 near Shingler, Ga., March 6. Both Soldiers had recently completed Armor One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, KY., March 4, graduating from Company D, 1st Battalion, 81st Armored Regiment, and were processing through the Marne Reception Center before being assigned to their projected units.

Staff Sergeant Daryl Cooper, senior drill sergeant representing 3rd Platoon, Delta Company, 1-81 Armored Battalion, 194th Armored Brigade at Fort Knox, Ky., instructed both Soldiers at their advanced individual training, travelled to Fort Stewart for the memorial service.

"To the Families of Lonnie and Anthony, words cannot express our deepest sympathy on the loss of your sons," Drill Sergeant Cooper said. "In our Profession of Arms, we are a very close knit Family and we never forget those that are taken from us."

Soldiers paid their final respects to Pfc. Cooke and Pvt. Castelluccio, rendering one last salute to the troops.

"These Soldiers leave a legacy that shows it is not about the quantity of your years, but about the quality," said Lt. Col. Earl W. Rilmington Jr., 3rd Infantry division, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion commander. "Private First Class Lonnie Antonio Cooke III and Pvt. Tony Castelluccio – your mission is complete."

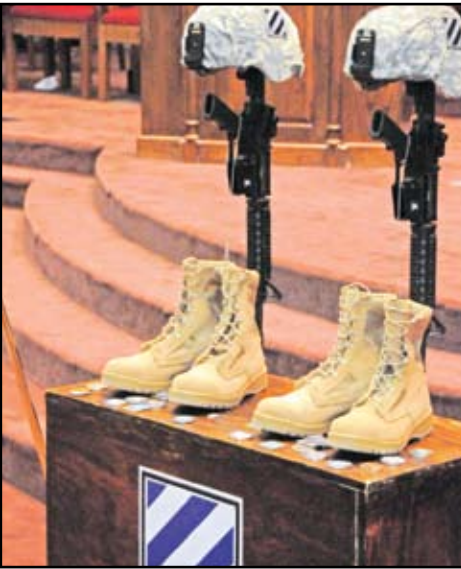


Photos by Sgt. Robert Schaffner Jr.

First Sergeant Isadore Brickington, first sergeant of the HHC Spt. Co., 3rd ID, call's out the names of Pfc. Lonnie Antonio Cooke III and Pvt. Tony Castelluccio during the traditional final roll call at the Main Post Chapel, Mar. 15. As the names were called out, Soldiers, Family Members, and friends comforted one another as they wiped away tears.



Hundreds of Soldiers lined the isle way in the Main Post Chapel on Fort Stewart to pay final respects to fallen Soldiers - Pfc. Lonnie Antonio Cooke III and Pvt. Tony Castelluccio - during a memorial service at Fort Stewart, Oct. 2.



Military decorations sit at the base of a memorial at Main Post Chapel, Mar. 15, for both Pfc. Lonnie Antonio Cooke III and Pvt. Tony Castelluccio, who were assigned to the Marne Reception Center before being assigned to their projected units.



Prayer Breakfast • March 21

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield unit ministry teams will host the National Prayer Breakfast, March 21 at Club Stewart from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Douglas Carver, the U. S. Army Chief of Chaplains, will be the guest speaker.

Please contact your unit ministry team or the Division Chaplain Office at **912-435-9916** for tickets and further details.

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Gardasil vaccine available at Winn

Renee Reese
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Winn Army Community hospital offers the Gardasil vaccine to all beneficiaries' ages 9-26 at your primary care clinic and the immunizations clinic.

"Now is the time to protect yourself and your Family", said James Arnold, chief of Disease Epidemiology & Disease Control of the Department of Preventive Medicine at Winn Army Community Hospital. "While many studies show that lot shame and distressing social stigma comes with any HPV or genital wart diagnosis, it's more important to protect your Family Member."

According to Arnold the vaccine targets the human papilloma virus, which causes genital warts in males and females, cervical cancer in women and also penile and anal/rectal cancer.

Gardasil has proven to be safe and nearly 100 percent effective in preventing precancerous cervical lesions from

the four HPV strains targeted by the vaccine, those being HPV types: 6, 11, 16 and 18 added Arnold.

The vaccine is manufactured by drug maker Merck & Co. and given in shots that require 3 scheduled doses.

"Studies have also found that Gardasil is much more effective when given to girls or young women before they become sexually active," Arnold said. It's important to note, that while the vaccine is effective it does not prevent all types of cervical cancer, making it important for women to continue routine cervical cancer screenings.

Family Members can get the vaccine during normal immunization clinic hours from 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily with the exception of training holidays, which are the 4th Thursday of each month and those hours are 1- 4:00 p.m.

Contact your Primary Care Physician for additional information by calling 912-435-6633 at Fort Stewart or 800-652-9221 at Hunter.



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CAB receives aircraft from Ft. Drum



Sgt. Monica K. Smith, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade

Crew chiefs and pilots of 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, conduct post flight checks on four Black Hawks that arrived at Hunter Army Airfield, March 11, after flying in from Ft. Drum to join the 3rd CAB. The Black Hawks were four of seven Black Hawks attained by the brigade and all went through a reset process prior to being received.

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Directorate of Emergency Services is currently filling multiple Department of the Army Security Guards positions located at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA. For consideration, interested candidates may visit Web sites www.cpol.army.mil or www.usajobs.gov to apply. Resumes must be active and on file in the Army Centralized Resumix database. All self-nominations must be submitted by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

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